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### **GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY APPOINTS ALVIN O. GILLARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS Gillard Brings Strong Results-Driven Career in Advancing Civil Rights in Maryland**

**Baltimore, MD** – Effective August 6, 2014, Governor Martin O'Malley has appointed Mr. Alvin O. Gillard as Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR). Mr. Gillard will fill the position after Mr. J. Neil Bell retired on December 1, 2013, after more than 40 years of service to the State of Maryland.

In announcing the appointment, Mrs. Shawn W. Wright, Esq., Chair of the Commission, says, "All of us at MCCR are excited to see Mr. Alvin O. Gillard join our team. His career in public service has given him the leadership, managerial, and inter-personal relationship skills necessary to achieve MCCR's mission to advance and promote civil rights in Maryland."

"It is an incredible honor to have this opportunity to work with such a prestigious agency," states Mr. Gillard. "MCCR's work is the work of our people, who give us their trust to enforce Maryland's anti-discrimination laws so that everyone may have access to equal opportunity, justice, and respect in our great state. I look forward to building upon MCCR's rich history and service to Maryland."

Mr. Gillard will be retiring from the Baltimore City Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement, where he served as Executive Director for more 18 years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Morgan State University, as well as professional development training in mediation, intergroup relations, and negotiation. Mr. Gillard currently serves as the President of the Maryland Association of Human Rights Agencies, a network comprised of human rights/civil rights enforcement agencies across Maryland.

MCCR represents the interest of the State to ensure equal opportunity for all through enforcement of Title 20 of the State Government Article and Title 19 of the State Finance & Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. MCCR investigates complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and state contracts filed by members of protected classes under federal and state law. For additional information, please contact Spencer Dove at 410-767-8576 or by email at [spencer.dove@maryland.gov](mailto:spencer.dove@maryland.gov).

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